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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington D.C. 20231 U.S.A.

Re

Filing of new U.S. patent application claiming priority of

Canadian patent application no. 2,422,481

Title

Elastomeric traction band with lug reinforcements

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Soucy International Inc.

Our file

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FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.41(C)

Dear Madam/Sir:

The undersigned attorney has been authorized by the applicants to file the above-captioned patent application on their behalf.

The application is to be filed in accordance with the enclosed filing particulars.

The applicants wish to claim priority of CA patent application no. 2,422,481 filed March 18, 2003.

Please use our deposit account number 02-3980 for the payment of the prescribed fees, i.e. \$ 770.00US.

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The above-identified applicant(s) are prepared to file a written declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64, signed by them, when required by the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Enclosed:

-Specification (including claims) pages 1 to 14

-Abstract page 15

-Drawings Figures 1 to 11

-Priority document of CA appl. no. 2,422,481

To follow:

-Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

-Information disclosure statement

-List of prior art-Copy of prior art

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